

## CHRISTMAS IN THE CAMPS

What Boys of Otsego and Delaware Are Doing At Camps Devens and Dix

## GREETINGS FOR DAY

Sent Monday By Secretaries Daniels and Baker to Boys in National Army

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Christmas greetings were sent to the nation's fighting forces tonight by Secretaries Baker and Daniels. Mr. Baker's message to the soldiers in France and America and their families was as follows: "To soldiers in France and soldiers in training in America and their families: The War department sends a word of hearty Christmas greeting and of appreciation of the spirit of resolute courage which filled hearts, and of congratulations upon opportunity which lies before them to do a great work for their country and for the world."

To the men of the navy Secretary Daniels said: "Christmases go to all in naval service. The country repose confidence in its navy, is proud of the service it has already rendered in the war, and has faith that in will measure up to all demands made upon it."

### Red Cross Cheer.

How the American Red Cross prepares to give cheer to American soldiers in hospitals and in trenches in France, and to thousands of children in the war zone is told in the following cablegram received here today:

The American Red Cross has provided funds so there will be parties and entertainments in every camp and Christmas trees in wards where wounded and sick soldiers and sailors lie. Every American soldier is to have a Christmas bag containing tobacco, soap, shoe strings, wash cloth, towel, tooth brush and handkerchiefs filled with candy.

Christmas trees have been arranged for at some of the training camps. One million bags containing socks will be given, and 50,000 Christmas bags to wounded French soldiers. In two towns, American Red Cross hospitals have Christmas trees for children. The first old fashioned, before-the-war-kind, of Christmases since 1913 is being prepared for children of French, crippled and tubercular.

"After three Christmases years, the children of devastated regions have almost forgotten to put out their wooden shoes. The American Red Cross is sending books, toys, bunnies, dogs and balloons to be distributed to 1,300 children at Ham, Nesle and Noyon by French friends of the children. It also is providing for distribution of toys sent by Americans to 6,000 children."

The cablegram also said extensive preparations were being made to bring Christmas cheer to children in many other districts, as well as to give useful presents to refugees and sick in hospitals throughout France. Three-quarters of a ton of American Christmas candy has been sent to children of refugees.

### At Camp Dix.

Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., Dec. 24.—An elaborate Christmas eve program for soldiers here who were not granted furloughs, was arranged. The troops gathered around a community tree, where they sang patriotic songs and listened to the reading of letters. Then they went to their barracks, where smaller Christmas trees were set, bearing presents from back home. Midnight mass was celebrated by the Knights of Columbus members.

### At Camp Devens.

Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Yuletide spirit pervaded the general gloom which has been in evidence because furloughs were to be limited, which gave way to merrymaking and if there was a lonesome soldier in camp he was to be found only in the guard house. A chorus of 50 artillerymen headed by a regimental band, visited the base hospital and also serenaded the guard house, where men accused of leaving camp without leave were held awaiting court martial. In every barrack there was a Christmas tree.

Tonight hundreds of young women were guests of the soldiers. Dancing followed the Christmas tree festivities.

## EXTENSION OF PAROLE REFUSED

New York, Dec. 24.—Rudolph Hecht, partner in the banking firm of Chandler & Co., who was interned as an alien enemy but was granted a parole of three weeks, \$25,000 bail, was sent back to Ellis Island today, after his time limit had expired. Accompanied by his wife, who recently became a mother, Hecht went to the federal building today and asked the authorities to extend his parole over the Christmas holidays, but his request was refused.

### FOUR MEXICANS EXECUTED.

Del Rio, Texas, Dec. 24.—Four of the 20 Mexicans arrested at Las Vegas, opposite here, last week in connection with the death of two Del Rio ranchmen, have been executed, according to announcement made today by Mexican officials. Several gave evidence against comrades and more executions are expected to follow.

## ENGINEER DIES "OVER THERE."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—General Pershing today advised the department of the death from pneumonia on Dec. 21, of Private Bert Sliders, an engineer with the American over seas forces. The address of his father, Andrew Sliders is at Villa, Pa.

## PRACTICE AS WELL AS PREACH

"Forget How Things Were Done Before the War" is Slogan.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—War time expedition is being practiced as well as preached by the government. President Wilson has sent all the executive department copies of a letter recently sent by Secretary Redfield to his bureau. "Forget how things were done before the war, eliminate red tape," the letter said. "We must learn with Germans that the war won't wait." Delay is the kaiser's ally.

Secretary Redfield has instructed all his bureaus to install machines for stamping on papers the day and hour of receipt, so delay in action may be put to persons responsible. He is refusing to sign documents not so stamped.

## BARONESS AND U. S. OFFICER ARRESTED

Charge Against Former Based on Code Found in Her Possession; Held Without Bail

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Baroness Iona Zollner of New York, wife of a German officer serving on the Flanders front, was held without bail for the federal grand jury here today, on a charge of violating the espionage act. Lieutenant John W. Spaulding, 22 years of age and a United States army officer, was arrested with the woman at a local hotel and sent to Fort Oglethorpe under guard, after he testified.

The charge against Baroness Zollner is based on a code found in her possession and letters written to her 16-year-old son, Bedford Shope. This code, Spaulding swore today, was arranged so that the Baroness could be kept informed as to his movements until such time as he might be sent to France. One letter to the boy described a trip to Fort Oglethorpe, condition of roads, topography of country, etc.

Spaulding testified that he loved the prisoner and wanted to marry her. He said that she had paid hotel bills for him on various occasions and that she helped him to get a commission in the army after he had been compelled to resign from the naval academy on account of "Bills." The Baroness denies the charges vigorously. She said she had been examined at Washington and Annapolis and was permitted to move about under the known status of an alien enemy.

Commander McAllester, who conducted the hearing, indicated that much of the evidence had been explained away. He refused to accept bail, but advised counsel for the Baroness to apply to a federal district judge for a writ of habeas corpus.

## LABOR AND MATERIALS BIG PROBLEM NOW

Five Million Tons of Shipping Is Estimate for 1918; Henry Ford to Make Investigation

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Five million tons dead weight, which is the estimate of Americans 1918 output of shipping, show that the government program of 8,246,308 tons is well on the way to completion.

Every effort will be made to put on two, and wherever possible, 3 ships in yards throughout the country. With the task of designing models out of the way, the whole problem now, according to shipping board officials, is that of obtaining labor and material.

The builders report have been made part of mass of statistics just turned over by the shipping board to Senate Commerce committee investigating progress of ship building. They disclose that the wooden program is 9 per cent under way, the requisition steel ship 39 per cent; the composite 20 per cent and the contract steel ship 4 per cent on their way to completion.

Henry Ford, sitting with the shipping board as a manufacturing expert, has proposed extensions of the fabricating program. He advised a hearing of the Interstate Commerce committee until after Christmas holidays when the President is expected to submit his candidacy to reelection to popular vote and was returned by a large majority.

As chairman of a joint committee on transportation problems as well as Interstate Commerce committee, the Senator has identified himself with considerations of what the government is to do about the railroads during the war. He has conferred with President Wilson several times and at President Wilson's request deferred hearing of the Interstate Commerce committee until after Christmas holidays when the President is expected to submit his solution of the railroad problems to Congress.

The Senator's chief interest for years had been in America's railway transportation lines, and in development of interstate waterways both for fertility and transportation. Because of his close touch and deep interest in these questions he was regarded as expert on them in Congress. As author of the Newlands act, which provided improvement in the arid west by development of waterways, he also was well known. He had for a long time pressed legislation for expenditures for waterway and irrigation improvements, and partial fruition of his hopes had taken place in empacement of a special commission authorized by Congress for comprehensive study of American waterways.

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## Inventor of Famous British "Tank"



SIR WILLIAM TRITTON.

Here is shown Sir William Tritton, inventor of the famous British tank. A model of his invention rests beside him on his desk. There is probably no invention in the world today that is causing so much comment as Sir William's fighting machine. Like the Zeppelin, the "tank" was expected to do greater things than it could possibly do, when it was first sent to the battle line.

## NEVADA SENATOR DIES SUDDENLY

Francis G. Newland Expires With Heart Failure At Home in Washington

## OVERWORK CAUSES END

Considered Expert on Transportation Problems; Chairman of Joint Committee

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Senator Francis Griffith Newland, of Nevada, died of heart failure at his home here tonight, after an illness of a few hours. He was at work at his office in the Senate office building during the afternoon and the capitol knew nothing of his illness until his death was reported.

One realized the seriousness of the Senator's condition and a physician was not called until late this evening. Then the heart attack had become acute and the end came at 10:15. For several weeks Senator Newland had been working night and day on a plan of investigation of war time transportation problems and had been in a weakened state of health. He kept at his desk, however, and in spite of his 69 years of age, appeared alert and active.

The Senator was a native of Mississippi, born near Natchez, August 23, 1848, and lived in that state until he went to Yale in 1867. After nearly two years at Yale he entered Columbia college law school and was admitted to the District of Columbia bar before he received his diploma. From Washington he went to San Francisco where he practiced law until 1888. Then he became a citizen of Nevada and was elected to the 53d, 54th, 55th and 56th Congress. He served on important committees. He succeeded Senator John T. Jones, Republican, in the Senate of March 4, 1903. Senator Newland soon became an active member of the Senate and when the Democrats gained control was made head of the Interstate Commerce commission. In 1908 he submitted his candidacy to reelection to popular vote and was returned by a large majority.

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## DELIVER REPLY TODAY

Four Teutonic Powers Answer Jointly; The Krupp Fire.

Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 24.—The four Teutonic powers, according to a dispatch from Brest-Litovsk, agreed to reply jointly to the Russian peace proposal. The reply, it is added, will be delivered tomorrow.

A frontier correspondent of the Handelsblad says that the explosion which occurred recently at the Krupp works had its origin in a building where a thousand persons were employed. The engine room and turning shop suffered most. There was no loss of life. A despatch of December 21 from Maastricht, Holland, gave workmen from Essen as authority for the statement that the Krupp plant had been ablaze for 24 hours.

## SIXTEEN DEAD; HUNDRED HURT

Trolley Runs Wild, Then Turns Over, Scattering Occupants in All Directions

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24.—Fourteen persons were killed and 100 other passengers on a Knoxville street car were hurt here late today when the car ran away in a tunnel which leads to the South Hills section of the city.

After a run of almost a mile, the car struck a short curve and turned over on its side. Hospital doctors said that a number of the injured could not recover.

The car, which was of the latest low floor steel type, was packed with city bound shoppers. The trolley wheel suddenly left the wire and at almost the same instant the motor-man lost control, and it dashed down the grade, gaining momentum as the wheels slipped along the wet rails.

When it shot out of the tunnel it did not stop there, but, clearing the sidewalk, struck a telegraph pole. Men, women and children were scattered along the roadway.

The car continued on its way and finally brought up at a confectionery store on Smithfield street. Estimates put the number of dead at 17, but a careful search showed that 14 had been killed outright, among whom were eight women and one little girl.

A statement issued by the Pittsburgh Railroad company, which owns the Knoxville car, said that the car was of the most modern and substantial construction, and equipped with devices for the safety of the passengers.

### Two More Die.

(Later) The death list was increased to 16 late tonight when two of the injured died in hospitals. Many of those who escaped alive are so injured that they will die.

### NO FLOUR FAMINE.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 24.—Frank L. Carey, representative of the food administration grain board, who today returned from New York, where members of the corporation had been in conference, declared, in answer to reports of flour shortage, that there is a bread stuff supply in storage and on the market sufficient to meet the needs of the entire country.

Flour stocks are ample everywhere. Even the exports to the allies have increased 50 per cent over last year.

"If for any reason marketing of wheat should cease, this country could exist six months on reserve stocks on hand."

reputed to be quite rich, possessing mining interests in California and Nevada. Colleagues of Senator Newlands feel that his loss will be peculiarly felt at the present time. Only today he was engaged in the investigation ordered by the Senate of the Interstate commerce committee's recommendation for dealing with railroads.

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## BARGES CARRY MUCH FREIGHT

Government Boats Used on Mississippi; Fleets Being Built.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Thousands of tons of freight are being carried by river barges, according to information made public tonight by the department of commerce. Government barges are being used on the Mississippi, supplemented by steamers under the jurisdiction of the department of commerce. The United States Steel corporation has under construction a fleet of 70 barges in the upper Ohio river and a fleet of 24 barges of 2,000 tons capacity and four towboats, built for use from St. Louis to St. Paul. The secretary of state of New York has asked Secretary Redfield where he can have a fleet of barges built for New York state canals.

## "WE ARE SORRY WE CAN'T BE WITH YOU"

American Soldiers Abroad Sent Christmas Message to Us; True Patriotism Shown

With the American army in France, Dec. 24.—"A word to those at home," The Christmas number of the Olatta Times, a newspaper written and edited by soldiers of a certain unit, contains the following:

"We are sorry we can't be with you in America this Christmas. We miss you. We appreciate the blessings of our own families and our own country as never before. Yet, since to insure the safety of us all and help in the cause of right, we must stay until our work is done. You should be glad to the bottom of your hearts that we can have so good and so Christian a Christmas.

"Most of us have helped to brighten your homes on other Christmases possibly by our gifts and our presence. Few this year can give what they desire; none can be with you.

"However you may find some cause to rejoice in the fact that we are doing everything we can to brighten the lives of our friends, the French children."

In the same column of the paper says:

"To all right-thinking men, the presence of children, especially when in holiday mood, is a pleasant thing, and apart from any spirit of benevolence a Santa Claus, we are glad to welcome the youngsters for their own cheerful selves, and they are concurring a favor upon us lonely soldiers by their presence."

"Some of us have had the good fortune to be received on such friendly terms by families here that strangers, newly arrived men, are amazed."

## THREE DIVISIONS ANNIHILATED

Rome Reports Successful Resistance to German Offensive in Mountains of Italy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Three Toulon divisions—approximately 60,000 men—were literally cut to pieces by the Italians in the German offensive against Colonel Baretta and Monte Asolone, according to Rome dispatches.

Commanders of the Seventh and Eighth Austrian brigades and General Pfeffer, commander of the Fourth Austrian division, have been seriously

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## New York Markets.

New York, Dec. 24.—Contrary to general expectations, the impending holiday on the stock exchange was accompanied by occasional spasms of activity and many substantial additions to last week's gains.

Peace rumors gained fresh currency, if not credence, from their wide circulation, traceable in part to speculative interest. Their effect was most marked in the bond list.

This advantage was not well maintained, however, and at no time extended to foreign bonds, viz., the Anglo-French 5s, which were reactionary with Canadian issues. In stock list gross gains ranged from 1 to almost 3 points in seasoned rails, to 24 for representative war issues, including munitions, one to two in coppers and in shipping, 2 to 6 points in tobaccos and oil and 1 to 3 in motors and miscellaneous speculations.

Final prices were from a fraction to a point under the day's maximum, the reported cancellation of Russian orders provoking moderate realization. Liberty issues contributed to irregularity of domestic bond list, the range from 97.6 to the new minimum of 96.98, with a range of 98.38 to 98.18 for 3½s.

United States bonds, old issue, were unchanged on call but coupon 4s declined 7/8 on sales.

## New York Produce.

Butter—Easier. Receipts, 5,534 tubs. Creamery, higher than extras, 50@50%; creamery, extras (92 score), 40@49½%; firsts, 44½@48½%; seconds, 41@43.

Eggs—Firm. Receipts, 2,165 cases. Fresh gathered, extras, 60@61; extra firsts, 55@59; firsts, 58@57; seconds, 52@55; refrigerator, special marks, 39; do, firsts, 37½@38½; state, Pennsylvania and nearby western henney whites, fine to fancy, 68@70; do, Browns, 61@63.

Cheese—Steady. Receipts, 2,159 boxes. State, fresh specials, 23½@23¾; do, average run, 23.

Live poultry—Quiet; no price quoted. Dressed, weak; chickens, 20½@33; fowls, 18½@27½; turkeys, 25@36.

New York Meats.

Beef—Receipts, 2,660 head. Mar-

ket firm. Steers, \$8.50@12.45; bulls, \$7@10; cows, \$5@9.

Calves—Receipts, 1,100 head. Mar-

ket steady. Veal, \$14@17.50; culs,

\$11@31; grisslers, \$8@9; yearlings,

\$6@15.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5,200 head. Market weak. Sheep, \$7@11;

lambs, \$15@17.60; culs, \$12@14.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,900 head. Mar-

ket steady; no trading.

## ONEONTA MARKET.

## Grain and Feed.

(Prices Charged at Retail).

Salt barrel ..... \$2.10

Corn ..... \$2.29

Corn meal, cwt. ..... \$4.13

Oats ..... 96@98

Spring wheat middlings ..... \$2.45

Flour middlings ..... \$2.73

## Prices Paid Producers.

Butter, fresh dairy ..... 46@47

Butter, creamy ..... 50

Eggs, fresh laid, dozen ..... 50

Cheese, ..... 27

Live chicken ..... 20

Veal, sweet milk calves ..... 18

Dressed pork ..... 22

Dressed beef ..... 13@14

Veal, grain fed ..... 14

Potatoes ..... 90

## Hides.

(Quoted by Miller Hide Co.).

Cow hides ..... 45

Bull hides over 60 pounds ..... 13

Horse hides ..... \$5.00 to \$5.50

Dairy Skins ..... \$1.50 to \$2.00

Grassers, per pound ..... 16

KNOWS HOW TO GET PUBLICITY.

Dan Sherman An Original Comedian and Alert Advertiser.

Dan Sherman, owner of Sherman lake, is not only an original comedian but an artful advertiser as well. Last week he played at the Orpheum at Madison, Wis., and the following story under the caption of "Comedian at Orpheum: Big Man in Our Town" appeared in the Democrat of that city on Tuesday:

"Up in the Catskill mountains, not many miles from where Rip Van Winkle was supposed to have taken his famous sleep, there is a woodland spot called Davenport Center and in this rustic township is a beautiful body of water called Sherman lake, named after comical Dan Sherman, who is cutting up capers at the Orpheum.

"He owns the lake, and all of the land around it. In fact, he is the rightful owner of the only hotel, several summer cottages, the 'opery' house, often used for town meetings and dances. He controls all the row-boats; in fact he is the 'Pooh Bah' of the town. The place had a jail, but it was so poorly patronized that Dan turned it into an ice house.

"The name of Dan Sherman around Davenport Center is the biggest thing in the burg. Dan did not intend going on the road this season, but last sum-

mer a big fire destroyed his home. The only things saved were his stage scenery and costumes, when the embers turned cold. Dan decided that life on the road was far better than staying in Davenport Center to await the completion of the carpenter work on a new place.

"Dan Sherman has been on the stage many years; he talks four languages; he knows what a York state shilling is; in fact he has saved many of them; he is versatile; he's a farmer, comedian, fiddler, blacksmith, hotel man, landlord. He says that if he knew anything about being a fireman and if the darn pump wasn't out of

commission at the time Davenport Center would never have had its first and only big fire."

## Investigating Investigations.

"What results did your investigating committee get?" "We found out a lot of interesting things," replied Senator Sorghum. "It will take some time to investigate them all. In the meantime the original investigation will have to wait."—[Washington Star.]

Listen, Herr Wilhelm!

Ninety-four millions for navy aeronautics and a billion and thirty-two millions for army aviation! Hear it, Kaiser?—[Elmira Advertiser.]

## Different Activities.

Any activity calculated to strengthen the arm of the government for its prosecution of the war will be welcomed. Any activity calculated merely to scatter dissension and impede orderly progress is certain to be condemned.—[Cleveland Plain Dealer.]

Flue Job printing at The Herald office.

## The Current Use of German.

There is as much present need of barring the current use of German language, as there is of prohibiting its teaching in the schools, which should also not be omitted as a measure of safety. There should be no class contract for 20 craft of a concrete vessel approaching San Francisco. A

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## SPECIAL FEATURES

MATINEE 1:30-3:15

TODAY

ADULTS 11c

CHILDREN Under 12 6c

EVENING 7:00-8:45

Special Christmas Program

9 BIG REELS 9

## "ALIEN BLOOD"

A FOUR REEL FORTUNE PHOTPLAY, ESPECIALLY SELECTED FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

STARRING

## Winifred Greenwood

## "The Grey Ghost"

"THE GREY GHOST," EPISODE NO. 14, "AT BAY," IN TWO REELS WITH

Harry Carter - Priscilla Dean - Eddie Polo

## BEATRICE FAIRFAX

STORY NO. 4, "THE STONE GOD," IN TWO REELS WITH

Grace Darling and Harry Fox

## "LATE NEWS WEEKLY"

WEDNESDAY

Browne Vernon and Murdock Mac Quarrie

IN

## "FEAR NOT"

A FIVE REEL SUPER BUTTERFLY PICTURE, DEALING WITH HEREDITY—MOST INTERESTING.

"THE JOY RIDERS"

TWO REELS OF THE HIGHEST CLASS OF COMEDY. IT'S AN L. K. O.

NUFF SAID.

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## SPECIAL ATTRACTION

## TODAY AFTERNOON and EVENING

WILLIAM FOX presents

## THEDA BARA

IN AN EIGHT ACT SPECIAL FEATURE  
'HEART AND SOUL'  
ADAPTED FROM RIDER HAGGARD'S FAMOUS NOVEL "JESSE"

Also Another of Those Popular  
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Full Orchestra Matinee and Evening

## SPECIAL

Thursday and Friday

The Photoplay Sensation Direct From  
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"Babbling Tongues"  
In Eight Acts

Were you ever talked about  
A Story That Shows the Evils  
of Gossip.

## TODAY

Procrastination is the thief of health: Keep yourself well by the timely use and help of

## BEECHAM'S PILLS

Large Sale of Any Medicine in the World.  
Everywhere. In boxes, 20c, 25c.

MATINEE

2:30

## ONEONTA THEATRE

CHRISTMAS--MATINEE AND EVENING

EVENING

7:15 and 9 P.M.

JULIUS STEGER PRESENTS  
EVELYN NESBIT AND HER SON, RUSSELL THAW

IN

## "REDEMPTION"

A PHOTODRAMA FROM LIFE DEPICTED WITH RELENTLESS TRUTH.

DIRECTED BY JULIUS STEGER AND JOSEPH A. GOLDEN.

## WHAT THE NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS SAID OF "REDEMPTION"

"REDEMPTION" movie sold out. Hundreds turned away at Cohan Theatre.

—New York World

—New York Telegraph

"REDEMPTION" is the redemption of Evelyn Nesbit. A picture you will remember as long as you live. Gigantic and stupendous story of a woman's life.

—New York Evening Journal

"REDEMPTION" conveyed a sense of courageous womanhood which had a strong appeal

—New York Times

## OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

GOOD RESULTS SECURED.  
Schenectady Red Cross Chapter Has Several Members Added.

Schenectady, Dec. 24.—The Christmas membership campaign of the Red Cross has been vigorously pushed by the local campaign chairman and the captains and has met with cheerful response in this district. The leaders are gratified with the results attained, at least 50 new members have been secured and 100 renewals. All the captains have not yet been heard from. Anyone who is not a member of the Red Cross may join at any time, but it is urged to do so at this time.

The proceeds from the sale of Red Cross seals this year for Schenectady alone amount to \$70, while the village of Maryland has turned in \$30, which is an excellent sum.

## Present Play at Maryland.

The senior play, "The Deacon's Second Wife," will be presented in the Methodist church at Maryland, Friday evening of this week. The students pleased large audiences with this lively comedy each night it was produced here and are booked to present it in several adjoining towns during the next few weeks.

## Worcester Team Defeated.

Worcester High school was defeated in a fast basketball game on the local court Friday evening, by a score of 24 to 16. The first half was a draw, the score standing 8 to 8, but the local boys outclassed their opponents in the last half and at no time was their lead endangered. The second team also defeated the Worcester seconds in a well played game; score 13 to 6. A fair crowd attended.

Schenectady proved too much for the Schenectady boys Saturday night and walked away with the game by a score of 44 to 18.

Much interest was manifested in the game between the High school second team and a team picked from the alumni. The so-called "has-beens" still remembered their old tricks and, although the seconds put up a stiff fight, carried off the honors by a score of 29 to 21.

## Receipts Amount to \$40.00.

The Rebekah Wiaonta lodge reports that the net proceeds of their supper and fancy goods sale, held December 10, amounted to \$40.

## Red Cross Service Flags.

The church bells were sounded at 9 o'clock tonight as a signal to display the Red Cross service flag before lights in the homes of the members for two hours, and again at the end of that time.

## SCUYLER LAKE LEAFLET.

Canardago Grange Elects Officers for Ensuing Year.

Schuyler Lake, Dec. 24.—At the regular meeting of the Canardago grange, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, S. B. Eason; overseer, M. J. Clarke; lecturer, Mabel Beadle; steward, E. W. Simmonds; assistant steward, Norman Eason; chaplain, George Neal;

## REPAIR DIRECTORY

OF THE CITY OF ONEONTA

G. B. McLAURY  
White Sewing  
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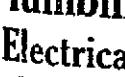


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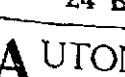


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## Masonic Officers Elected.

At the regular communication of Schuyler Lake Lodge, No. 162, F. & A. M., held at the lodge rooms Wednesday evening last, the following officers were elected and appointed: W. M. E. F. Washburn; S. W. C. W. Stephenson; J. W. Lee J. Chase; treasurer, George L. Rider; secretary, M. J. Clarke; trustee for three years, Jesse Ellsworth; marshal, George Flansburg; S. D. W. O. Pratt; J. D. George Herkimer; S. M. C. George E. Randall; J. M. C. George W. Curry; chaplain, George Conrad; tyler, Robert L. Holdbrook.

Red Cross Dance Big Success.  
The Red Cross dance, held at Bullock's hall on Wednesday evening, was a big success. One hundred ten tickets were sold.

## Claude Rose Enlists.

Claude Rose, youngest son of Byron Rose of this place, has enlisted in the navy and leaves Wednesday to take his final examination.

## Discharged from Army.

Clarence Huyck, son of Edward Huyck, has returned home from Spartanburg, S. C., where he has been for some time in the hospital. He has been discharged on account of a broken foot, which was set wrong several years ago.

## Jay Shaul in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfonzo Shaul of this place received a letter from France last week, sent by their son, Jay, who is in the navy. His parents had not heard from him in weeks. His many friends here are glad to hear that he is alive and well.

## Robert Holdbrook Injured.

Robert Holdbrook, while engaged in unloading a carload of feed at his place of business Thursday, had the misfortune to slip and fall 500 pounds of feed fall on his leg, injuring it quite badly.

## OUT OF OTEGO.

Methodist Episcopal Christmas Tree and Exercises This Evening.

Otego, Dec. 24.—Christmas was observed at the Methodist Episcopal church on Monday evening. A pleasing program was given and there was a Christmas tree laden with gifts to be distributed at the close of the exercises.

## Baptist Entertainment.

On Friday evening Christmas exercises and tree were held at the Baptist church. A pleasing program was given entirely under the direction of Mrs. Henry Swink, who was untiring in her effort to make the evening's entertainment a success. The church was prettily decorated with the evergreen trees and American flags. At the close gifts were distributed to members of Sunday school and many others present. A collection was taken for the Syrian and Armenian Relief fund which amounted to over sixteen dollars.

## Personal Workers' Meeting.

The Personal workers will hold their weekly prayer meeting with Mrs. Briscoe, who resides on the south side river road, on Wednesday evening.

## Otego Brethren.

Miss Pauline Fuller is spending the week in Binghamton—Mrs. Charles Blanchard of Hartwick has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starr—Earl Widger is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Widger—Miss May Houghton of Binghamton is visiting relatives here during her vacation—Dr. E. Cordelia Hathaway of Albany is spending the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hathaway.

## PLEASING CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Christmas Tree and Supper Held in Milford Methodist Church Friday.

Milford, Dec. 24.—A Christmas tree and supper for the younger members of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school was held in the church parlor Friday afternoon. There was a prettily decorated tree, presided over by Santa Claus, and there was a gift for each of the youngsters. At 5 o'clock a supper was served, which gladdened the hearts of the little folks. In the evening, a supper was served to the congregation and church members, the event being, in a way, a reception to the new members.

## Secures Many New Members

The membership drive of the Milford branch of the Red Cross closed Saturday night, with 38 new members secured during the week. About 100 renewed their memberships, with as many more promising to renew after January 1. The result is very satisfactory to the committee in charge. A house-to-house canvass is to be made in January, when it is hoped to double the membership list.

## Home for the Holidays.

Among the college students and teachers home for the holidays are the following: Miss Josephine Whitney, Musical Institute, New York city; Miss Clymena Jewell, Boston university, Boston, Mass.; Dorr Hickey, Phillips-Exeter; Harold Oakley, Bucknell university, Lewisburg, Pa.; Misses Delta Chestney and Hemietta Schildknecht, Oneonta.

## OBSERVED IN OTEGO.

Otego, Dec. 24.—Dr. E. Cordelia Hathaway of Albany is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hathaway. Miss Regina Roberts who is teaching in Glen Falls, is visiting at her home here—Miss Ruby Trask of Suffern is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Trask—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Dellen of Gloversville are visiting the latter's grandfather, Theodore Martin—Guy Barney is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barney—Earl Widger is spending several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Widger—Miss May Houghton

of Binghamton is spending Christmas at her home here—Miss Eldora Card of Binghamton is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Card—Merle Smith, who recently enlisted in the navy and has been stationed in Boston, Mass., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith—Miss Evalena Terry is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeVitt Terry—Rev. F. S. Harwood, a former pastor of the Baptist church, has been calling on friends in town and Sunday preached at the afternoon service.

ACCIDENTALLY CUT BY HATCHET.  
Hazel, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mercer, was accidentally struck in the face Thursday by a hatchet in the hands of her brother, cutting a deep gash in her cheek. Dr. L. W. Green dressed the wound, which required several stitches.

## POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mrs. N. B. Bronner and son of Little Falls are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Whitney.

Harold Jewell departed last week to spend a few days at the home of his uncle, Seth Gano, Boston, Mass.—Mrs. Ford Eckler went to Averill, Mass., last Friday to spend a short time with her husband, who is in training at Camp Devens—Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Armstrong and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Armstrong are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Armstrong at Cherry Valley—Mrs. Clara Platt is the guest for a few days of her sister, Mrs. F. M. Thorn, at Port Jervis—Prof. P. D. Schreiber of Port Washington is spending the holidays in town.

## AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

Joseph Reynolds III of Pneumonia at Thanksgiving Hospital, Cooperstown, Dec. 24—Joseph Reynolds, son of Frank Reynolds, was taken to Thanksgiving hospital late Friday afternoon, ill with pneumonia.

BURIAL OF JAMES KRUM.  
Friday evening at 7:30 at 253 Hamilton street, Albany, the funeral services of James Krum were held. The burial will take place in Lakewood cemetery, Cooperstown, Saturday morning. Mr. Krum, who was 77 years old, died Wednesday.

## TRANSFERRED TO MIAMI.

Lynn Marble, who Thursday started for Bay Shore, L. I., to enter into training for the Quartermaster's Division of the Navy Aviation department, was notified while on his way, of his transfer to Miami, Florida. Service Flag for Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus have unfurled a service flag at their rooms on Main street. It bears three stars but should have four, in honor of James Haggerty, Thomas Henry and John Moakler of this village and Prof. Flanagan of Cherry Valley. Mr. Moakler, who is in Detroit, where he has a commission as sergeant in the Department of Accounts in the Aviation corp., enlisted after the flag was ordered.

## MID-WINTER RHETORICAL CONTEST.

The mid-winter contest in declamation and recitation participated in by pupils of the High school will be entered by the following contestants: Miss Gladys L. Hayner, Annie H. Potter, Martha M. Smith, Helen G. Willsey; Walter B. Davidson, Bradford L. Klock, Willis Morgan, Murray S. Tanner.

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"TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY."

The note of joy and gladness sounded Sunday evening in the cantata given at the Methodist church was especially appropriate. For the first time in centuries Jerusalem, the Holy City, is in Christian hands. Just before the first Christmas a Caesarian decree went out from Rome that all the world was to be taxed. From the same city of seven hills has just gone forth the Papal verdict that no nation wanting the blessings of the Holy Father may take any part in an attempt to recapture Jerusalem. The announcement that Jerusalem had fallen was one that brought joy and gladness all out of proportion to the strategic location or to the military advantage of the city. rejoicing has been great everywhere.

As the cantata was being sung that evening one saw in the Red Cross flag on either side of the pulpit the new emblem of the Cross which has just been set up in Jerusalem. In the stars of the service flag of the church one saw possibly part of the new Bethlehem constellation which is to bring peace on earth and good will among men.

The Christmas greetings of James Cardinal Farley, just published in America, the great Catholic weekly, brings comfort to every member of that faith. The edict from the Vatican, to which reference has already been made, lends one to believe that Christmas will mean more in the years to come because Jerusalem will be no longer in the hands of the Turks.

But to another nation has come tidings of great joy. When the newspaper extras, with headlines clear across the page, announced "Jerusalem Has Fallen!" the Jewish quarters in New York and other cities presented a scene which will probably not be repeated until "the boys come marching home." Shops were closed and men, with tears streaming down their faces, embraced one another on city streets with the words, "The Holy City Has Fallen!" At night when they knelt to pray, they turned their faces toward the New Jerusalem.

In their hearts was a new hope kindled by the words of the British prime minister that a Jewish state be established in Palestine—a state guaranteed by England, America and other allied countries. Should such a condition obtain, it would be a literal fulfillment of the prophecy that Palestine should be restored to the Jews without battle on their part and that it should be nurtured by kings and princes. Already much property in Palestine has been purchased in the name of the Jewish state and is only leased to tenants. A great Jewish state bank has been organized and is today loaning funds to keep industries working during war times. The remarkable thing is that the bank has had to refuse deposits because the supply of capital was greater than the demand. Ancient Hebrew is now being taught, that the language of the New Jerusalem may be that of David and the fathers of Israel.

Gentiles and Jews are at this Christmas, saying o. Jerusalem the words of the Great Jehovah, "Thy walls are before me."

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## COMMENTS OF THE PRESS

## Officers Physically Fit.

The war department is examining the officers of the army to make sure that no man whose physical disabilities, slight though they may be, would be detrimental to the efficiency of their service, go to France. Our officers will carry a heavy burden. Comparatively few of them have had professional training in military routine; they are men of ability intensively trained to meet a military emergency. On their adaptability, their courage, their receptive capacity under field experience will depend in no slight measure the success of our army in the field. It is wise that they be at the peak of physical fitness when they enter on their duties in France. (Rochester Post-Express.)

## Reclaiming By-Products.

Potash is to be reclaimed from the ash in cement plant chimneys, and illuminating gas is forced to yield high explosives. If the utilization of incidental products continues, the staples of industrial life will soon be relegated to a contemptible position of absolute dependency. (Springfield Republican.)

## Russia, the Deserter.

It is not easy to restrain bitterness and resentment in treating of Russia's desertion and betrayal of her allies. Judging by all the standards of national and international morality, Russia is today a traitor nation, guilty of cowardly surrender to the enemy and the worst form of treachery to her friends. Under the leadership of men who are either fanatics or enemy agents, Russia has forfeited her place among honorable nations and become more desppicable than a beaten foe. (Brooklyn Eagle.)

## The Usual Thing.

Philadelphia reports that with every one of them counted the Socialists in that city have less than three per cent of the vote. But in Philadelphia, as elsewhere, these minority voters make more noise than the other 97 per cent combined. (Utica Observer.)

## No Time for Hysterics.

Congressional investigations are instituted for the purpose of disclosing what has been done badly, not what has been done well, and the country is now getting a glimpse of the seamy side of a wonderful achievement. It is just as well that it should, provided the American people keep their heads and refuse to allow every recorded mistake to shake their nerves.

It has been said apropos of military blunders that while the Germans wash their dirty linen in the cellar the French and British wash theirs in the city hall square. That is our way too. But wars are not won merely by washing dirty linen or the magnifying failures and shortcomings. They are won by confidence and courage and resolution. The American people may be very sure that Congress will not investigate the German army out of its trenches and that Prussian autocracy will never be overthrown by Congressional nagging of soldiers and administrators who may be muddling but who are at least muddling in the right direction. (New York World.)

## Victory of the Burden of Militarism.

War taxation in time of war is not agreeable, but is borne because it is necessary. How would permanent war taxation in time of peace be enjoyed? This country does not want to become militarist. It wants to lay down the sword as soon as its uneventful but necessary work is done.

Who are they who would thwart this desire and force militarism on her forever, make the sword cleave to her hand? The pacifists, and those who would have us shake hands with an unbeaten, unrepentant, and still lusty Germany. (New York Times.)

## The Turk is Serving Kultur.

No commander except the Turk corrupted by Prussian overlords would look the church of the Holy Sepulchre. If any man suggested to General Allenby, the conqueror of Jerusalem, that he should remove from the church its sacred vessels, to send to King George, he would be expelled from the camp; if an insane man should gather them up and escape with them to France or Italy, or Petrograd, or Japan, or to any of the other countries arrayed against Germany, he would be punished, and they would be returned. The Bolsheviks might rob the church, but the Russian people would scorn the act. But the Prussian system is different. The world learned of it in the Boxer uprising. It reaches out for the astronomical instruments of China, and it accepts the monstrosity from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; and the Kaiser will keep the monstrosity if he can. For such is the nature of kultur. (New York Sun.)

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## The Hindenburg Catacombs.

The thirteen miles Hindenburg tunnel trench extending from Billecourt northwest to the Scarpe, east of Arras, was forty feet underground and had an entrance from the trench system every thirty-five yards. Russian prisoners of war dug it. To employ prisoners of war in such work is in violation of all except the German rules of war.

This tunnel is chiefly interesting as an example of German adaptability. Our enemies seem to be as comfortable underground that we need have no scruples about putting as many as possible there. (New York Sun.)

## Entrance to a Dugout



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## FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

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adequate rates, our railroads could once more be placed upon a sound and efficient basis, such as the nation must have to obtain victory over our enemies, who have been very materially aided by misregulation of our own railroads."

## Train Record for November.

The various railway companies of the state report to the Public Service commission that during the month of November there were 61,941 passenger trains operated in the state, of which 75.8 per cent were on time at terminals, no record being made of trains which were ten minutes late or less. Over 40 per cent of the lost time was the result of waiting for connections and 21 per cent on account of train work at stations. The Ulster and Delaware stands second among all the roads of the state, having 92.8 per cent of trains on time, and the Delaware and Hudson is fourth with a record of 82.7 per cent. Neither the D. L. &amp; W. New York Central or the Ontario and Western had so good a record.

## A Patriotic Mistake.

Institutes to be held in this vicinity this next week together with local committees in charge are listed as follows:

Franklin, Delaware county, Jan. 3. Local committee—A. W. Rowell, Mrs. L. Local committee—A. W. Rowell, Mrs. A. O. Potter.

West Exeter, Otsego county, Jan. 3. Local committee—Mrs. M. E. Armstrong, West Winfield, R. D. 2; Mrs. Walter Morris, West Winfield, R. D. 2. Burlington Flats, Otsego county, Jan. 4. Local committee—D. F. Arnold, Mrs. E. W. Jones.

New Berlin, Chenango county, Jan. 5. Local committee, Thomas Stitts, Mrs. Fred J. Vall.

The institutes depend for much of their success on the enterprise of the local committees in charge in awakening interest and enthusiasm in the community where each meeting is held. The speakers on each circuit are specialists in the line of farming in which they practise in the county in which they visit. Those who will lecture in this vicinity next week are: A. J. Nicoll, Dr. C. D. Huxtable and Dr. Lucia E. Heaton.

## Flight of American Railroads.

In his weekly financial review Henry Clevs says: "Security values have fallen to lower levels owing to persistent liquidation and absence of buying power. The causes for this liquidation are becoming more and more evident. Briefly, they are war pressure, advanced interest rates, heavy taxes, diminished profits, the flight of American railroads, and selling to counterbalance excess profit taxes. Of these causes, the railroad problem easily comes first. Every person at all familiar with business affairs appreciates the real crux of the situation. Our railroads have been unjustly treated for number of years by our lawmakers, guided more by prejudice than by intelligent comprehension. The responsibility for breakdown of the American railroad system should be squarely placed where it belongs; that is, upon those members of the Interstate Commerce commission who steadily refused to allow the railroads to compensate themselves for increased costs of operation which they could not avoid. When every other line of industry has been obliged to charge more for its services to offset increased expenses, there was no reason why the railroads should be singled out for such unjust discrimination, particularly now that their maintenance is so vital, not only to the country as a whole, but to our success in winning the war. Without intention, perhaps, but because of a lack of railroad experience or actual incompetence, these officials starved the railroads, injured their credit and deprived them of the necessary means to preserve efficiency. Other drawbacks affected the railroads, but here rests the chief blame; the result being that when the stress of war came our roads were found weakened by starvation and threatened by a general breakdown. Clearly this was the consequence evidently of placing our transportation lines under the control of men subject to political influences. What is to be done? Mr. Wilson has a difficult task. Congress does not command the confidence of business men as it should, and it is questionable if it has the ability to handle so intricate and delicate a problem free from political prejudice. At least it has not yet shown any signs of such ability, and the safest course is to leave the railroad managers to work out their own salvation: their interests and those of the United States being identical at this time. The government might with advantage to itself and the public insist upon unit operation, permit pooling and offer some sort of financial aid. Given this relief and

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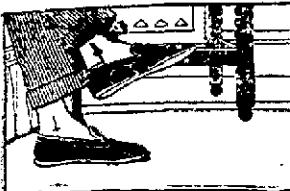
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## LOCAL MENTION.

The usual Christmas services at St. James' Protestant Episcopal church will be held at 7:30 and 10:30 o'clock this morning.

The post office will be open today, Christmas Day, until 12 o'clock noon. One delivery will be made by city letter carriers, and all incoming parcels received will be delivered.

Is your job your only asset? If so, then what have you to fall back on if your position or your ability to hold it fails you, unless you have a thrift, Christmas club or emergency account in the Wilber National bank? The government urges thrift and everyone should avail himself of the plan outlined in the half-page advertisement of the Wilber National on another page. Read it, join now and become a prosperous Thrift club member.

## Deed Purchases by D. &amp; H.

A short time ago The Star printed a list of parcels of property acquired by the Delaware and Hudson company in the towns of Worcester and Maryland in connection with the third-tracking of the line in these townships. Among other lands purchased, of which the deeds have lately been put on record, are the following: Elizabeth Storm, Maryland, \$1,100; Martha S. Judge, Maryland, \$1,800; Bowman Groff, Schenectady, \$300; John T. Bennett, Maryland, \$1,100; Rancie Snyder, Worcester, \$1,500; George W. Arnold, Maryland, \$500.

## Income Tax Officer Here.

Official notice has been received by the banks that a federal income tax officer will be located in the post office building here from January 2 to February 16, inclusive, supplied with the necessary blank forms and prepared to dispense freely information regarding the Income Tax law. Every person with a net income, subject to the tax, needing assistance or information should avail himself of this opportunity in order to avoid fines or imprisonment for neglecting to render a report of his income.

## Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The annual meeting of the Oneonta R. R. and local Y. M. C. A. which was postponed from Dec. 12, will be held this evening at the Association building at 8 o'clock for the election of directors and transaction of any other business that may be necessary.

The Bowling league will finish the games of the first tournament this week and will celebrate the event with a supper and social evening Wednesday, January 9, after which a second series of games will be arranged.

## Meetings Today.

Centennial Lodge No. 447, I. O. O. F., this evening at 7:30. A good attendance is desired. Election of officers.

## Meetings Wednesday.

Regular meeting Modern Woodmen of America, Wednesday evening at 7:30, in K. of P. hall.

Regular meeting of W. C. T. U., Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Y. M. C. A. rooms. Topic, "Our Pioneers." Leader, Mrs. Holmes.

## Appreciated Gift for Little Folk.

The sum of \$75 donated by the Liquor Dealers' association of Oneonta to the Woman's club for the Christmas cheer of deserving children was apportioned by the members of the Philanthropic committee of the club. As a result of their labors and the kindly gift, many little ones of the city whose holiday might otherwise have seemed inadequate, will have occasion long to remember the Christmas of 1917.

## The Bank of Service.

Aply named as The Bank of Service to the nation, state, county and vicinity, is the Citizens' National bank, in the half page announcement in this issue, in which it extends holiday greetings to all and invites all to avail themselves of its privilege and service. It richly deserves the appellation and equally merits the patronage it so merits.

## No Star on Wednesday.

Today being Christmas day, with all its hallowed associations, The Star force will be given a holiday and no paper will be issued from this office Wednesday morning.

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## A BIG SUCCESS ASSURED

All Are Making Plans to Attend the Red Cross Carnival Friday Night.

The carnival to be given in the Oneonta hotel next Friday night is now assured of being a big success.

The various chairmen and committees are working in absolute harmony and unity, and when the elevator swings the crowd toward the fifth floor of the hotel at 8 o'clock Friday evening, a novel and interesting entertainment will await every patron.

While the admission is 50 cents each and five cents charged for other features, there will be fifty cents worth of pleasure for every one. Those who do not dance can view the midway and listen to the specially trained army of "barkers" who will present the features of the show in novel, unique and positive language. Rehearsals already are being held in this branch, both among the animals and with the "barkers."

Card tables for those who desire this pleasure will also be provided.

Reels of tickets will be sold. This will avoid making change and when the tickets are gone a new supply can be had.

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There will be plenty of ice cream and pop corn and other delicacies yet to be contributed. The sweet tooth is to be carefully looked after.

When the committee was organized to promote this big carnival it was understood there were to be no expenses. Everything is to be donated. The rooms in the hotel and the lights are to be furnished by Landlord Millard; the music for dancing is to be donated by the various musicians of the city; edible, for the buffet lunch are to be donated through the committee soliciting for this purpose; delicacies donated for the confectionery booth are already partially secured.

The Star previously has mentioned the event would be informal. No fixed rule will prevail governing what the men and women shall wear. If they want to wear their evening clothes all right—if not, all right. All will be welcome. It will be a cosmopolitan and representative gathering.

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Local Enrollment Board Does Good Work in Enlistments—All Residents of Oneonta.

In its capacity of recruiting agent for registered men, the Local Board added five men to Uncle Sam's volunteer forces yesterday afternoon, the recruits being Collis H. Washburn, Stuart W. Butts, Arthur Wheeler, Edward J. VanHousen and Harry L. Johnson, all of this city. The two first named enlisted in the ordnance department and will be sent to Raritan, N. J. VanHousen, Johnson and Wheeler will enter the quartermaster corps and will go to Jacksonville, Fla., for their training.

Of the men sent questionnaires December 15, but four had failed to file them when their time limit expired last night. They are Eugene Teetsell and Raffaele Mili of Worcester, Harry L. Bundy of Otego, and George G. Marlette of Mt. Vision. Their names were handed to the local representatives of the state mounted police. Unless they can show an excellent reason for their delinquency they will be reported to the state military authorities.

Seventeen men were classified by the Board yesterday. DeForest G. Rossman, already in the service, goes in class V, as does Fred Grady, on the ground of physical disability.

The following advanced no claims and were put in the first group: George Holting, Fred J. Clark, Carl T. Cornish, Rasmus E. Nichols, Orville M. Cronkhite, Nicholas Chiacorelli, Grant M. Bishop, Lester Banner and Earl Hoke.

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### PERSONALS.

Hon. N. P. Wills of Cooperstown was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Carr and mother are spending Christmas in Schenectady.

Mrs. Thomas Dailey and daughter, Alice, spent Monday with friends in Binghamton.

Mrs. Annie Somers of 45 London avenue, is spending Christmas with relatives in Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson are spending Christmas at the former's old home in Portlandville.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Fenton of Ilion are guests for Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Hopkins.

Mrs. F. B. Wright of this city is spending the Christmas holiday with her parents in Windsor.

Mrs. W. F. Stapleton is the guest every Christmas of her sister Mrs. J. E. Scales in Binghamton.

The Misses Neille and Elizabeth Noonan of Schenectady were in Oneonta on business yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Osborn are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Barlow at Schenectady.

Mrs. A. F. Wing, who has been ill for a few days, remains in about the same condition as last reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Lake of Cobleskill are guests for Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Carl House of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crouse and son, Maxnard, of this city are spending Christmas with relatives in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Wright are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Gillen, in Binghamton, for Christmas day.

Mrs. Charles Robinson and son, Frederick, of 98 River street, are visiting relatives in Treadwell for a few days.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brady of New York city is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brady, 18 Fairview street.

C. D. Price of New York city is spending Christmas with his family at the home of G. R. Mackley and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson departed yesterday for a brief sojourn with their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Jones, in Albany.

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**IN**a place built, like Bethlehem, in many cases against the soft limestone rock it often happens that the existence of a cave where the house was to be was a great attraction since it offered a ready made, dry, above ground cellar as well as a specially suitable spot for the household animals and for a storeroom. It would seem that Joseph was at last able to get room in some such back portion of a house, and there, we are told, Mary bore her divine Son.

A cave below the high altar of the Church of the Nativity is now shown as the very place where this august event transpired; a little recess, shaped like a clam shell, its floor of marble wrought into a star in the center, bearing in Latin the words, "Here Jesus Christ Was Born of the Virgin Mary." A row of lamps hangs round the outer edge, the right to attend to them being a jealously watched matter, each of the ancient churches, the Greek, the Latin, the Armenian and the Coptic, having one or more of these under its care.

The evidence for this site is so strong that most persons accept it as sufficient, reaching up, as it does, to within living memory of the days of the apostles. But even if this be an illusion the fact remains that in this petty village the Saviour of the world was made man for our redemption. No wonder that we read of the anthem of the angels, for surely nothing could draw forth the interest of the heavenly population like the exceeding grace God was showing to sinful man.

The scene of the visit of the shepherds is pointed out as on a rough slope, facing the village, at some distance to the east, Bethlehem ly-

ing far above on its mountain seat. One can follow the shepherds in their journey to see the unspeakable wonder. They would go along the rich valley of Bouz and then up the terraced hill by a path still in use, nor is it uninteresting to reflect that, while simple shepherds were led by angels to the manger, the high priest and the great of Jerusalem, so near, slept through that most illustrious night of all history, quite unconscious of what had happened. But we know of it, and may God grant that if we cannot go with the shepherds to Bethlehem we may one day go to the right hand of God and worship him there, who that night lay a little child in Mary's arms.—Dr. Cunningham Geikie.

#### The Sweetest of All.

Christmas is a jolly day, but let us not forget that it is Christ's birthday and that to make someone else happy is the sweetest thing of all.

**WHY UNITED STATES IS THE RICHEST NATION.**—There are twice as many cattle and swine in the United States as in any other country, with a total value of live stock products of more than \$4,000,000,000.

The corn crop is ten times greater than that of any other country.

The wheat crop is bigger than that of any rival.

The cotton output is more than half the world's supply.

The coal production of nearly half a billion tons is twice that of Britain, our nearest competitor.

The oil production of nearly 300,000,000 barrels is twice that of Russia, which ranks second.

The output of iron and steel is twice that of Germany, our nearest rival.

We produce more copper than all of the remainder of the world put together.

In manufactured goods last year, our output was more than \$35,000,000,000.

The balance of exports over imports amounted to over \$3,000,000,000.

The gold reserve of about \$3,000,000,000 is more than one-third of the world's total.

The wealth is more than \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in the country.

The railroad mileage is more than double that of all Europe.

The total wealth of Britain, Germany and France amounts to \$227,500,000,000. That of the United States aggregates \$250,000,000,000.

#### PIG'S BLADDERS AS DECOYS

Suggestion They Would Be Mistaken for Chinese Heads in Water Won Prize as Best Idea.

During the war between China and Japan in 1894 Viceroy Liu Kuo-yi issued a proclamation offering a reward to any one who could suggest a plan for destroying the enemy fleet. The prize was won by an old literary gentleman who suggested that a large number of pig's bladders should be prepared and blown up tight. Then, when the wind was blowing off shore towards the fleet, these should be put in the water and the enemy would mistake them for the heads of Chinese soldiers swimming out to attack, and would open fire with all their guns. When all their ammunition was fired away the Chinese could then go out in boats and secure possession of the vessels without loss. To the foreign mind it sounded very funny, but it was quite a classical scheme.

During the Three Kingdom times the city of Hwangchow was being besieged by a hero who had been run out of arrows. He therefore manned a fleet of boats with straw men, and sent them under the walls at night, when the defenders shot them full of arrows. In this way he replenished his own magazine and depleted that of his opponents, thus capturing the city easily.

#### Value of Love.

No, I tell you, a little love goes a long way, observes the Los Angeles Times. Love was intended as a pleasant condiment, never as a whole meal. Hate may endure through generations, but love can't stand a week under the same roof without an ingenious admixture of other ingredients. Love rules the world—exactly. For the reason that it is scarce and precious, delightfully uncommon, and therefore valuable. Diamonds themselves would lose their value if you could pick 'em up in the streets. Gold would be cheaper than tinsel if there was enough of it to go round. Gold and love are both powerful for the same reason—hard to find, difficult to get, still more difficult to keep.

#### Why We Say "Carat."

The weight used by goldsmiths in gauging the quality of gold apart from the alloy, i. e., carat, is derived from that of the seed of an Abyssinian carat flower, which, being exceedingly uniform in size, were employed in weighing gold and precious stones.

#### Settled Out of Court.

Muriel—"So Judge Merriman proposed to Alice last night!" Ethel—"Yes, and he made an awful break. When she asked him for time to consider his proposal, he gave her 60 days."—Judge.

#### ERRORS OF OWNERS

Fail to Oil Parts That Are in Out-of-Way Places.

#### SMALL NUTS NOT TIGHTENED

Trouble With Average Motorist Is That He Fails to Realize That Automobile is Very Delicate Piece of Mechanism.

There are motorcar owners who sometimes wonder why their cars do not last as long or give as much satisfaction as an automobile of the same make owned by a friend or an acquaintance. The trouble with the average motorcar owner is that he fails to realize that the automobile is a piece of very fine machinery and that it will render service in proportion to the attention it receives. It is not human and will not cry out when abused.

C. A. Englebeck, a well-known distributor, has been through the automobile business from racing, service, selling, superintending and managing standpoints.

#### Englebeck Talks.

"The car owner should remember that washing the body does not clean the motor; that tightening the nuts and bolts easily reached does not make those under the car any tighter; that oil placed in the motor does not mean that one can neglect the clutch, transmission or rear axle," talked Englebeck at a recent club meeting.

"We recommend certain things, which every factory endorses because we have found from experience that they will bring the best results. Do not make changes or 'improvements.'

**RHEUMATISM IS A WEATHER PROPHET**

More Prevalent Than for Many Years

Sudden Changes of Temperature an Immediate Cause.

When rheumatism fastens on an individual, he generally knows what the trouble is. The inflammation, soreness, pain, swelling, joint trouble, loss of appetite, plainly indicate rheumatism. Physicians differ as to the disease, but all agree that rheumatism is caused by poison gas, which is a form of carbon monoxide, with sudden changes of temperature causing aggravated attacks and intense suffering. These demand quick action.

But there is such a thing as saving too well. Economy is never economy when it is carried to the last degree of parsimony.

Do not starve yourself nor your family. Substitute more plentiful foods for those that are scarce; save the fats, but keep up a balanced menu; eat less, but not too little; keep a wasteless garbage pail, but above all:

Save wisely, but not too well.—*Miller's Magazine.*

without first consulting the dealer from whom you have bought the car, for there may be strong objections to these changes of which you are not aware.

#### Factory Knows Best.

"Remember that the standard factory maintains engineering and experimental departments and is in a better position to know what is proper to use or not to use in connection with its cars than is the average mechanic, who is apt to try to induce an owner to change some part of the design or install some new device.

"When it becomes necessary, through accident, neglect, abuse or other cause to make a change, one should seek the advice and services of the dealer from whom he has bought the car. This dealer has the interest of the car at heart more than any other person in the trade. But if distance makes the dealer unavailable, it is cheaper in the end to employ the best mechanic in the vicinity.

"If the motorcar owner will religiously observe these rules and give his automobile conscientious care, it will be easy for him to get long and satisfactory service."

All went well until they were really among the beasts; then the gentleman in the hind legs forgot himself and kept raising his head. The buffaloes saw one of their brothers with a lively undulating back. Panic seized them. They fled to the jungle.

#### PANIC AMONG BUFFALO HERD

Dummy, Operated at Suggestion of Cartoonist McCutcheon, Causes Bisons to flee Jungle.

**HANDY SLEEPING-CAR BED**

Invention of Montana Man Proves Idea for Dressing—Section Hinged to Swing Upward.

The Scientific American in illustrating and describing an improvement in a sleeping-car berth, the invention of P. R. Odell of Butte, Mont., says:

"The invention is an improvement in sleeping-car berths, and has to object to provide a section where



Improved Sleeping-Car Bed.

dressing aisle may be provided connection with each of the berths. The upper and lower berths each have a section hinged to swing upward for dressing space and a board supported below the said section of the upper berth, said section and foot board being at the opposite end of the berths from the hinged

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Ambulance Drivers Work Close to  
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Show Unfailing Courage In Time of  
Danger and Display Splendid Ability  
as Drivers and Mechanics—  
American Society Girls Doing Great  
Service in Gathering Up Wounded  
on the Battle Front.



Over the shell-scarred ground of  
Flanders, and in practically every danger  
zone on the war map of Europe, women  
ambulance drivers are today  
winning laurels for the sex because of  
their unfailing courage in time of danger  
and for their splendid ability as  
drivers and mechanics.

In the ante-bellum days of 1914  
breaking the speed limit in a car stripped  
to its best racing trim was one  
of the chief outdoor sports of many  
of the rich young women in America  
and on the continent, but the soldierly  
clad patriotic girls who are doing their  
bit at the front today are getting more  
thrills to the minute than any speed  
enthusiast who has paid thousands of  
dollars in fines for the privilege.

Collecting the wounded is not the  
simple thing of running over to the  
station to meet the trains and transporting  
the wounded to the nearby hospitals.  
Indeed, not. The women drivers of the  
ambulances go right up to the clearing station within reach  
of the big guns.

Show Their Nerve.  
They think nothing of getting a bit  
of shell through the bonnets of their  
cars and it has yet to be reported that  
so far any of the girls who have  
volunteered for this dangerous branch of  
the service have pulled any Lydia  
Langrish stunt in the face of an emergency.

Attached to the Scottish Women's  
hospital, which, by the way, was  
planned and is being carried out entirely  
by women, is an X-ray automobile,  
driven by a woman, which has saved a  
good many lives.

As the wounded are taken back  
from the line a picture is taken and  
developed as the car runs back to the  
hospital. In this way the women  
surgeons realize the most critical cases  
and they are rushed straight to the  
operating table. The picture of the  
wounded being ready for the operating  
surgeon, she knows exactly what she  
has to deal with. Many of the boys  
owe their lives to these X-ray ambu-

lances and the plucky girls who are  
driving them.

Women of wealth all over the world  
have found they could serve their  
country best by using their knowledge  
of how to drive and care for a car.  
Hundreds of them have volunteered.

Society Girls in Service.  
Miss Maria Laurence-Wetherill, a  
New York society girl, has been driving  
an ambulance on the French front.  
She is accounted one of the most skillful  
operators in the motor service.  
Miss Hilda S. Ambler of Bridgeport,  
Conn., has joined the Volunteer  
Ambulance division. She is also an

### "Don't Open Until Christmas!"

*My Love hath sent a gift to  
me,  
But though that gift I long to  
see,  
The packet's label says me  
nay—  
"Don't open until Christmas  
day."*

*Till Christmas day—how long  
to wait  
And pine, yet hold inviolate  
The ban, too strict for Adam's  
day,  
"Don't open until Christmas  
day!"*

*On Christmas day shall I be  
here  
To joy in that which now  
were dear?  
And must I heed these runes  
that say,  
"Don't open until Christmas  
day?"*

*Should Time, the churl, have  
power to hold  
In check each word, each  
deed of old?  
Through this decree of drear  
delay,  
"Don't open until Christmas  
day."*

*For there be hearts—and  
purses, too—  
Locked fast to Love the long  
year through  
By that same word, which  
fools obey,  
"Don't open until Christmas  
day!"*

*Ah, Love, the sages all allow  
The time for any joy is now!  
Then charge me never more,  
I pray,  
"Don't open until Christmas  
day!"*

—Arthur Guiterman in *Life*.

### West Virginia Soil.

Nearly two-thirds of the land area  
of West Virginia is in farms. All  
soils are from disintegration of lime-  
stone, sandstone or mixtures of shales  
and clays. The soil is generally fer-  
tile and does not wash into gulches,  
the land being productive to the tops  
of the mountains. Clay soil is found  
in some of the higher portions, alluvial  
soil in the uplands, and unproductive  
sandy soil in the northeast. In the  
extreme northeastern counties the soil  
is of rich limestone. West of the  
mountains the broad, flat hills furnish  
grazing for cattle, while the valleys  
produce good crops.

### SAYS WAR MARRIAGES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED

Dr. Clara MacNaughton Says  
Married Men Fight Better Be-  
cause Stake Is Bigger.

"In my opinion and in that of all  
the French with whom I have associated  
during my three years' work in  
Paris, the Americans are doing wrong  
in their tacit discouragement of war  
marriages," said Dr. Clara MacNaughton,  
in an address to the National  
League of American Penwomen in  
Washington.

"The experience of the French is  
that the 'war bride' is an immense factor  
in the determination of the people  
and their confidence of ultimate  
victory. The married man fights better  
because his stake is in the struggle,  
greater. He is more hopeful, and when  
depressed, more quickly gets back to normal.  
The constant thought of one who lives in the hope of his  
homecoming helps him to ignore hardships."

French surgeons have been quick  
to recognize that the married man has  
an added stimulus to get well. If hope-  
lessly crippled he is sure of devotion,  
and has not, like the bachelor soldier,  
the feeling that his future must be  
devoid of companionship.

"For the woman the 'war marriage'  
is equally an incentive—not only to do  
her 'bit' but her 'all.' She enters more  
fully into the war work, and the fact  
that her affections are so greatly enga-  
ged causes her to minimize the hard-  
ships which weigh so heavily upon the  
unmarried."

"While ill-considered and hasty war  
marriages are not to be defended on  
any ground, the marriage of those  
whose acquaintance is of long standing  
and whose affections are firmly  
fixed, should not, in my judgment, be  
postponed. That we have so generally  
urged their postponement is a part  
of the American idea that women  
should be shielded as far as possible  
from the buffets of life. The French  
are taking the view that the woman  
has as much right to risk her all for  
her country as the man-soldier has."

"If we are to have a long war, such  
marriages will mean an increase in  
population of which we will stand  
greatly in need."

### An Acre.

An acre originally meant in both  
Latin and Anglo-Saxon a field of any  
size. As a measure of land it was  
first defined under Edward I of Eng-  
land as the amount that a yoke of  
oxen could plow in a day. It was under  
the reign of George IV that a uniform  
standard was given to this name  
4,800 square yards.

### MARRIED IN DUGOUT

Wash Stand Serves for Altar When  
Coast Artillery Man Weds.

A military wedding took place the  
other evening at the home of Mrs.  
Gertrude H. Woodward, when Miss  
Dorothy V. Pearce became the bride  
of Sgt. James G. Caplinger of the  
Sixth company, California Coast artil-  
lery.

A trench dugout was the "church,"  
while the altar was the rough wash-  
stand of the soldier, minus the wash-  
basin, soap and towels.

The ceremony was performed by  
Chaplain Griffith of the Coast artillery,  
in the presence of only a few friends  
of the couple. Corp. E. H. Morrison  
acted as best man.

### Sure! Independence.

There is no independence that can  
be sure but a dependence upon one's  
self.

### Revolutions.

Revolutions are not made; they  
come.—Wendell Phillips.

### TO STORE Isthian Crops

Storage Plant to Cost \$1,000,000 Will  
Be Built at Cristobal.

Ground is being broken for a \$1,-  
000,000 cold-storage plant for the Pan-  
ama canal near Cristobal at the Atlan-  
tic terminal. The need for abundant  
storage facilities has arisen partly as  
the result of the arrival of so many  
troops and partly from the need of  
storing supplies in anticipation of pos-  
sible war needs.

The canal zone is raising large quan-  
tities of vegetables and fruits which  
must be kept for some time after be-  
ing harvested until consumed.

The plant will be operated by elec-  
tricity from the hydro-electric power  
station at Gatun dam, seven miles dis-  
tant.

### CHRISTMAS CHILDHOOD.

Christmas is, perforce, a winter festi-  
val, a family and fraternal reunion.  
"Suffer little children to come." Lo,  
they have come. And the music of  
their child voices! The concert of the  
morning stars, what were they to the  
natural untrained melody of innocent  
childhood in its joyous expectations!

A brief, bright morning picture with  
fervid expectant fancy attuned to  
"peace and good will to men," a sacred,  
sober, confident, joyous, "peace," a  
"good will" and fraternal friendship  
that shall fill and fructify and sanctify  
the year to come.

Ah, childhood, Christmas childhood!  
See how for one day it mocks the  
poet's lines, "Some traces of Eden ye  
still inherit, but the trail of the ser-  
pent is over them all. Its own gift  
is always the best, and it rejoices that  
Bill and Jim and Lizzie and Sara fare  
as well. "Peace on earth," but not of  
earth; "good will" that shall inform  
the coming year and mold the man and  
woman of the future.

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AFTER-CHRISTMAS SALE OF COATS AND FURS AT A BIG REDUCTION IN PRICE — A BIG SAVING FOR YOU.

A lot of \$10 Coats for \$3.92 Sets of Fox Furs; formerly \$25 Coats for \$15 now \$15.  
A lot of \$35 Coats for \$25 \$25 Black Wool Muff and Scarf Set for \$15.  
Children's \$7 and \$8 Coats now \$4.95.  
Children's \$5 and \$6 Coats now \$3.95.  
\$35 Muff and Scarf Furs; now \$25.

One lot of Serge Dresses; value up to \$15; for \$9.95. A bargain.

## Merry Christmas

## Hurd Boot Shop

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### BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

#### VOLUMES RECENTLY ADDED WHICH WILL BE OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Some new books of particular interest to those who are at present studying the life, literature and history of the Scandinavian peoples are *Boysen's Modern Vikings and Norseland Tales; Jerusalem*, by Selma Lagerleef; *Personal Observations While Visiting Norway*, by E. T. Halseth; two volumes of Scandinavian classics, the *Prose Edda* and the *Olaf Sagas of Snorri*, carefully translated and with notes and comments for the student; and four important recent books by the Danish novelist Martin Andersen Nexo—*Den Conqueror*—portraying successively Peth's Boyhood, Apprenticeship, Struggle, and Daybreak. The novels give a vivid and interesting picture of Danish life in all its phases at the present day.

Some of the new books of description and travel have marked literary value as well; *Old Roads Out of Philadelphia*, by J. T. Faris; *Old Seaport Towns of the South* by Mildred Crandall; *Charcoals of New and Old New York*, by F. Hopkinson Smith; others are *New York of Today*, *Verrill's West Indies*, *The Danish West Indies*, by Waldemar Westergaard—a timely book which tells us who have just come into possession of those islands just the things we want to know about them and their history from 1761 to the present year; and *Paul Leland Hather's On the Headwaters of Peace River*, a fascinating description of a part of the Canadian Rockies hitherto little known. These books are all wonderfully illustrated with the modern excellent pictorial workmanship.

#### NO STAR ON WEDNESDAY.

Today being Christmas day with all its hallowed associations, The Star force will be given a holiday and no paper will be issued from this office Wednesday morning.

976 Wright's delivery. advt t

### FORMER ONEONTA RESIDENT.

#### REV. GEORGE W. REMINGTON DIES AT HOME IN WINSTED, CONN.

The Winsted, Conn., citizen of last Friday has the following concerning the death of an aged clergyman who at one time resided in this city, and whose wife was Miss Caroline Campbell, a sister of Mrs. Mary E. Herrington and a member of one of Oneonta's oldest families:

Rev. George W. Remington, 75, a retired Baptist minister, who for 19 years was pastor of the church in Colebrook, passed away suddenly at his home, 55 Cottage street, at 2:15 yesterday afternoon of dilation of the heart. He was stricken Tuesday afternoon.

George Wright Remington was born in Meredith, Delaware county, N. Y., July 16, 1842. He was ordained minister at Hancock, N. Y., in 1867 and held pastorates in Hancock, Port Crane and Richmondtown, N. Y., going to Colebrook in 1888 and coming to Winsted 19 years later. He wrote the history of the Colebrook church when it celebrated its 100th anniversary a few years ago. He represented Colebrook in the state-general assembly in 1885. Even after his retirement he often substituted in Winsted and nearby churches. He was married in 1866 to Miss Caroline Campbell of Oneonta, N. Y., who died about five years ago.

In September, 1916, he was married in Torrington to Mrs. Agnes Culver of Brooklyn. Besides his widow, he leaves four children, Virgil L. and William E. Remington of Winsted, Avon C. Remington of Delta, Colo., and Mrs. Anna Moore of Glastonbury. Mr. Remington was a member of the United Workmen.

The funeral was held at 1:30 Sunday afternoon with services in the chapel in Forest View cemetery, Rev. Flanders of Canton officiating.

WANTED—Storage batteries to store for winter, repair or charge. The "Right" garage. advt t

### LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

Exercises to be Held at Church on Grove Street Tonight.

The following Christmas program will be rendered at the English Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Grove street, this evening at 7 o'clock: The public is cordially invited to attend.

Service—"Hail to the King." Music, Canning's Orchestra. Solo—"Glory to God." Mrs. W. Landmesser. Carol—"Come Father." School. Responsive Scripture and Gloria Patria.

Invocation, Rev. J. C. Traeger. Greeting, Loren Couse. Recitation—"At Christmas Time." Henry Grant.

Recitation—"Just a Word." Charles Burts and Roland Halstead.

Carol—"Lift Up Your Voice, O Zion." School.

Recitation—"Christmas Day." Ernest Westfall.

Recitation—"Like to Share." Violet West.

Recitation—"For the Christmas Child." Marjorie Goodrich.

Recitation—"Little Hearts Can Love Him." Mildred Otto, Mildred Edelman, Dorothy Vosburgh, Julia Cummings.

Carol—"Joy, Joy, Joy." School.

Scripture Reading in Unison.

Primary Song—"Why do Bells of Christmas Ring?"

Recitation—"A Little Piece." Harry Burts.

Recitation—"Holy Babe." Composed by Mrs. Ella Hoffman; recited by Little Otten.

Carol—"Welcome to Earth." School.

Recitation—"Just a Sunny Smile." Violet Wrightman.

Recitation—"Beautiful Christmas Tree." George Boone.

Recitation—"One Sweet Word." Marjorie Burts.

Songs—"Chimes On, Sweet Bells." "Silent Night, Holy Night." Mrs. Landmesser's class.

Remarks. Superintendent Withoff. Doll Exercise and Lullaby Song. Yule Davenport, Margaret Grant, Rose Westfall, Theresa Boswick, Marjorie Goodrich, Grace Kleeman.

Songs—"Luther's Cradle Hymn." Mrs. Stiles' Class.

Recitation—"God's Love." Virginia Fowler.

Solo. Miss Rebecca Traeger.

Star Drill. Twelve Young Ladies.

Remarks. Rev. J. C. Traeger.

Offering for Board of Education.

Duet—"Would That I Had Been There." Margaret Grant, Yule Davenport.

Carol—"The Crowning Morn." School.

Recitation—"When Christmas Day is Over." Priscilla Nappier.

Closing Hymns—"So He Has Come," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Benediction.

The service will be in charge of Charles M. Withoff, with Mrs. A. J. Relyea at the piano.

### WANTED IN RICHFIELD SPRINGS.

The local police have picked up one James Beckwith, a young man wanted in Richfield Springs on the charge of petit larceny. He was found at the trolley station on his arrival here and offered no objection when requested by the police to accompany them to police headquarters. He had in his possession a suit case that it is claimed was stolen and other property. He will probably be taken to Richfield Springs this morning to be arraigned to answer to the charge.

### WILL PLAY ROXBURY TEAM WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday afternoon the Oneonta High school basketball team will leave for Roxbury, where they will play the High school team of that place in the evening. The game which was to have been played at Norwich last Friday was postponed until January 19, 1918.

### CHRISTMAS TREES.

Will have a fine assortment of Christmas trees Dec. 19. Sizes from 3 to 10 feet. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c. Inquire 336 Main street. Phone 1024-W-2. advt t

If he's a smoker no gift you could possibly make would afford keener satisfaction than a box of Stetson cigars. They are made in all sizes and are sold as cheaply as first class cigars can be. advt t

TOO DELICATE FOR SERVICE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Fearing that the rigors of warfare would be too much for her delicate son, a woman living at Fresno, Cal., has written to United States Marine corps headquarters here, asking that the young man be discharged.

"He is too weak and delicate to be in the service," she wrote. "He is a blacksmith's helper by trade, and I would prefer him to stay at his last job."

The mother was informed that for the time being her son must remain a marine.

### BEHIND THE SCHEDULE.

The Germans always lay out a schedule by which they expect to move. They had planned to be in Paris by a certain day, but Joffre and his men threw the switch and sidetracked the train. When the Teutons invaded Italy they had it all pre-arranged to take Bassano on November 26. They are badly behind their schedule. Someone is always putting obstacles in their way. We hope the Italians block their road indefinitely.

—Utica Herald.

### NOT CONSPICUOUS FAILURE.

In the fiscal year 1915-16 probably less than 250,000 tons of ships were built in the United States. A shipping administration that counts 8,573,000 dead weight tons under construction or contract in the country has not been a conspicuous failure.—[New York World.]

Overland Roadster, good condition, extra tire, \$100.00. Rover side car, nearly new. C. M. Ives, Davenport. advt t

Wanted—Live poultry, 119 River street. B. L. Gates. advt t

Christmas tree holders 35c at the Oneonta Press, 32 Broad street. advt t

### FIGURE OUT YOUR INCOME

But If You Can't Do It Uncle Sam Will Send Experts to Help.

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue Neal Brewster announces that federal income tax officers will be sent into this county to remain for a period of time for the purpose of helping persons subject to the income tax to make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

While it is almost impossible to predict how many income tax payers there are in our county, it is believed that a conservative estimate would fix the number at not less than 1,770. This figure includes all married persons living with wife or husband, who will have a net income of \$2,000 or over, and also the unmarried persons who will have a net income of \$1,000 or over for the current calendar year.

Returns of income for the year ending December 31, 1917 must be made on forms to be provided by the government and the return filed with the collector or his deputy not later than March 1, 1918. On account of a misunderstanding of the requirements, many believe that if they are not called upon by the government, a return will not be necessary. On the contrary, the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known, secure the form, and if necessary, assistance of the expert in making a proper report.

Persons failing to make the return within the time prescribed by law are liable to a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000 and possibly a jail sentence too.

Rather than take chances, seek out the income tax officer, disclose your income and he will start you right. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, get expert advice and be positive.

Whether you see the officer while in this county or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

The collector suggests that everybody start figuring up his income and expenses now, so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives.

Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that.

Expenses include what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent except for your dwelling, etc.

Income includes about every dollar you get.

Oscego county has been allowed the

figures shown in the following table,

though of course residents of other counties will be afforded the privilege of consulting the income tax man if they so desire.

Oneonta, post office building, January 2 to February 16, inclusive.

Cooperstown, Second National bank, February 18 to March 1, inclusive.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

#### TO BE HELD IN TREADWELL THURSDAY—SEVERAL SPEAKERS PRESENT.

The Bureau of Farmers' Institutes, which is under the directorship of Edward Van Alstyne, is the educational branch of the State Department of Farms and Markets. During the present winter the Farmers' Institutes promise to awaken greater interest and to be productive of better results than ever before. About 375 institutes have been arranged, and before the winter is over, more than 100,000 persons will undoubtedly have been reached. An institute will be held next Thursday at Treadwell, at which particular attention will be given to the food problem and to fundamental matters relating to agriculture growing out of the acute conditions brought about by the war.

The institutes depend for much of their success on the enterprise of the local committees in charge in awakening interest and enthusiasm in the community where each meeting is held. The speakers on each circuit are specialists in the line of farming that is practiced in the county in which they visit. Those who will lecture in Treadwell next week are: A. J. Nicoll, Dr. M. Hamilton and Mrs. M. Hamilton.

FAREWELL TO SHERIFF AND MRS. VAN ZANDT.

On Thursday evening about 50 friends of Sheriff-Elect and Mrs. B. F. Van Zandt took possession of the home of that estimable couple in Maryland in a successful endeavor to show them that their departure for Cooperstown where he assumes the duties of the office to which he has been elected on January 1 is regretted and to evidence the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt are held. The evening was very pleasantly passed in card playing and music.

Later in the evening J. E. Smith Jr., in an appropriate speech in behalf of the assembled friends, presented Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt with a fine easy chair as a slight token of the affectionate regard in which they are held. Later refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt will carry with them the sincere best wishes of the community generally for their success and happiness in their new home.

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Notice is hereby given

That I, the undersigned collector of taxes in and for the town of Oneonta, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the present year and that I will attend at my residence at West Oneonta in said town on every day this week except Friday, and at Spencer's Busy Clothes shop in Oneonta city on Friday in each week, for thirty days from the date hereof, from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving taxes assessed upon such roll.

Dated this 22d day of December, 1917. Richard M. Collier, collector.

TRY A STETSON BRIEF.

They are the equal of many ten-cent cigars and are still sold at 5 cents. Ask your dealer for them.

advt t

### Piano Bargains.

Fine used piano cheap. On easy terms. Dandy Christmas present. Fred N. Van Wie, Dietz street. Advt t

advt t

### DON'T BE BALD.

How to Make Hair Grow Strong, Thick and Lustrous on Thin Spots.

If your hair is falling out, don't wait until it is gone, buy the regular package of Parisian Sage. Don't say "It's the same old story—I have heard it before." Try a bottle without risking a penny.

Parisian Sage is guaranteed to grow hair to stop falling hair, cure dandruff and scalp itch. It is a safe and scientific preparation that supplies all hair needs. There is nothing better.

Parisian Sage is good, strong and distinctly aromatic because it is delicately perfumed, not sticky or greasy, and makes the hair soft, lustrous, and seem twice as thick.

If you want to save your hair and beautify it, by all means use Parisian Sage—You will not be disappointed.